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COVID-19 Notification Form for a Temporary Increase in Licensed Bed Capacity by a Hospital

Pursuant to Governor Janet T. Mills' Executive Order of March 15, 2020, the Director of the Division of Licensing and Certification (DLC) has authorized Maine hospitals, licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services under chapter 401, to submit notification of a temporary increase in licensed bed capacity or temporary suspension of services to DLC rather than file a COVID-19 Waiver Form.¹

This completed form *must be filed electronically* mailed to Larry.Carbonneau@maine.gov and Marcia.Smith@maine.gov prior to the implementation of a proposed bed increase.

Please complete the following:

Provider Name	Mid Coast Hospital
Current Licensed Bed Capacity	93
Proposed Licensed Bed Capacity	113
Date for Implementation of Increased Bed Capacity	03/18/2020

¹ Increases in licensed bed capacity or the suspension of service(s) by a hospital that are triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic shall only be effective during the pendency of the public health emergency declared by Governor Janet T. Mills on March 18, 2020. Thereafter, any Hospital wishing to retain the additional licensed beds or any change normally requiring a CON, must file a CON application consistent with the established statutory and regulatory CON requirements.

<p>Description of Where Beds will be Located and How They Will Be Used</p>	<p>Once the organization reaches capacity, we will relocate the care to a self-contained independent 14 bed Covid + unit that is in the current surgical suites and expansion of 6 addition beds in the Behavioral Health Unity is requested. A total of 20 Extra beds are requested.</p> <p>The major advantage of this set up is that we are able to make the entire space negative pressure. We will be able to have all staff in personal protective equipment (PPE) for period of time thus saving our limited supply of PPE. The individuals caring for these patients will be experts in safely caring for this population. We will be able to screen employees and separate those that should not be in contact with these patients (pregnant, immunocompromised, elderly).</p> <p>At the same time, we realize that we will also have an influx of behavioral health patients. With the prevalence of disease and the closing of the majority of outpatient behavioral health services including groups homes and partial hospitalization programs, we anticipate a larger population of behavioral health patients that we will not be able to discharge with a safe discharge plan. We intend to convert our Main Emergency Department into a Respiratory Illness ED. We will not be able to utilize the behavioral health room in that space due to the close proximity to the potential Covid+ patients. We will utilize the outpatient behavioral health staff to assist with providing safe quality care during these unprecedented times</p>
<p>Identification of Service(s) and Service Location(s) that will be Temporarily Suspended In Order to Diagnose and Treat COVID-19 Patients. (If applicable)</p>	

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Date